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Chippewa County 4-H Messenger

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Winter 2007/08

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Families:

Greetings! In an attempt to keep everyone up to date with programs, trainings and events offered both locally, and statewide, a seasonal newsletter will be sent to all 4-H families. If your club has an event to advertise or noteworthy news, we'd love to include it in our Chippewa County Messenger. Please contact Andrea at the Michigan State University Extension office (906) 635-6368 or email caspera@msu.edu.

Enjoy the gorgeous winter season,

Andrea Caron
4-H Program Associate
Michigan State University Extension



4-H Family Tubing Day!

All Chippewa County 4-H Families are invited for a morning of tubing at Minneapolis Woods Recreation Area! The tubing hill will be closed to the public, this is a 4-H event only!!

FREE!

Sponsored by the Chippewa County 4-H Council and MSU Extension

Who: All Chippewa County 4-H Families

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2008

Time: 10 a.m. until noon

Place: Minneapolis Woods Recreation Area
2601 Minneapolis St. (east of M-129)
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

****Sign in at the chalet for a chance
to win a door prize!****

Please let us know if you will be joining us!
Call the MSU Extension office (635-6368) by
1/31/08 to register.

NOTE: Tubing may be cancelled if bad weather or poor snow conditions. Call the MSU Extension office the day before (2/1/08) or Minneapolis Woods Rec. Area the day of: 635-6961.

Concessions will be available for purchase.

**Meet all your Chippewa County
4-H friends at the hill!**



Kettunen Center, a complete conference and retreat facility located on Center Lake in Tustin, Michigan, is the primary 4-H volunteer and youth development conference center from MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development programs.

Upcoming Workshops Include:

2008

Jan. 11-13 — 4-H Peer Plus/The Future is YOU!

Jan. 26-27 — 4-H Citizenship, Leadership & Service Workshop

Feb. 22-23 — 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leader Workshop

Feb. 23-24 — 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leader Workshop

Feb. 29-Mar. 2 — 4-H Plant Science & Entomology Workshop (see additional information on page 5)

Feb. 29-Mar. 2 — 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Teen & Adult Volunteer Training Workshop (see additional information on page 5)

Mar. 8-9 — 4-H Poultry Workshop

Mar. 15-16 — 4-H Family Science Weekend

Apr. 18-20 — 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training

Apr. 26-27 — 4-H Companion Animal Workshop

More information about Kettunen Center and programs offered can be found at www.kettunencenter.org



Michigan 4-H Communications Day*

February 9, 2008

Michigan State University

Youth ages 9 to 19 are invited to participate in contests that will showcase and expand their communication skills and knowledge through public speaking, demonstrations, job interviews, photography, art, exhibits, cookery, graphic design, web design, citizenship and more!



For more information contact:
Andrea Caron
MSU Extension – 635-6368

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/commday.html>
<http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/>

By participating in a variety of contests young people will have the opportunity to:

- Share ideas and demonstrate skills and knowledge about topics and issues that interest them.
- Practice and strengthen their communication skills through demonstrations, public speaking, photography, art, exhibits, graphic design, web design, cookery and more.
- Gain self-confidence, persuasiveness and the ability to convey ideas, concepts and information.
- Be recognized for excellence in communication skills.

There are many communication areas to choose from!

Entries are due to the Chippewa County MSU Extension office by January 14th, 2008!

2008 MICHIGAN WEEK YOUTH PHOTO CONTEST

Great Lakes, Great Traditions!

Celebrate Michigan Week, May 17-23, 2008

PURE MICHIGAN™



Photograph a Favorite Michigan Historic Site

Use a 35 mm (for black and white, color or slide film) or digital camera.

What is a historic site?

For this photo contest, a historic site is any site that is 50 years old or older. There are thousands of sites in Michigan! You can photograph buildings (like firehouses, museums or schools), structures (like bridges), areas (like neighborhoods, business districts, or fairgrounds) and objects (like monuments).

**Open to all
Michigan youth
aged 9 to 19 as of
January 1, 2008**

There are three age divisions: Junior (youth aged 9-12); Intermediate (youth aged 13-15); and Senior (youth ages 16-19).

**Photo submission
deadline:
February 15, 2008**



This contest is coordinated by Michigan State University Extension's 4-H Youth Development, the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries and *Michigan History for Kids* magazine. Additional financial support comes from the Michigan Barn Preservation Network.

For more information contact:

Chippewa County 4-H Council Seeking Members!

The Chippewa County 4-H Council would like all 4-H Volunteers to think about running for a Council Board position. All clubs should designate a 4-H Council representative.

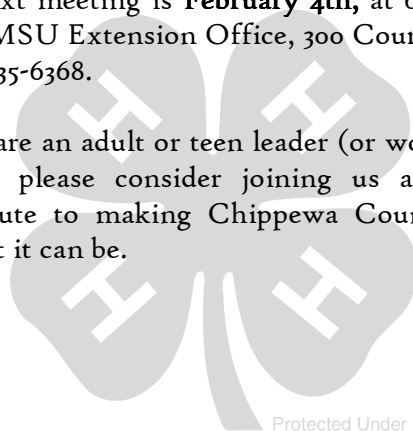
Rewards of being on the 4-H Council are many and include:

1. **You have a voice in county 4-H programming.**
2. **A great opportunity to learn about how 4-H works.**
3. **Work side-by-side with other leaders within the county who care as much about 4-H as you do.**
4. **An opportunity to express new ideas and be creative for the betterment of 4-H in our local community.**

The 4-H Council meets about 6 times a year. Contact Andrea at the MSU Extension office, or any of the current board members for more information. Current members include: Norma Osborn, Linda Leese, Jim Moore, Linda English, Joanne Galloway, Chrissy Campbell & Toni Kronemeyer. Our teen representative is Abbie Galloway.

The next meeting is **February 4th**, at 6:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension Office, 300 Court Street. (906) 635-6368.

If you are an adult or teen leader (or would like to be), please consider joining us and help contribute to making Chippewa County 4-H the best it can be.



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Animal Diseases at Fairs & Exhibitions: Reducing the Risks

During the 2006 and 2007 fair seasons in Michigan, there were a few animal disease outbreaks that prompted quarantine situations. In addition, there is frequently a risk of individual animals becoming sick during a fair. In response to some of these issues, we have scheduled several regional workshops in Michigan to help individual county programs develop and implement appropriate safeguards and plans.

These regional workshops are a joint effort between Michigan State University Extension, MSU Dept. of Animal Science, MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture, Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, and Michigan Farm Bureau.

The workshops will be an interactive approach to developing and implementing animal health and biosecurity plans for local livestock exhibitions. Considerable time will also be spent in providing information on dealing with potential disease outbreaks and possible animal quarantine situations. MDA officials will also be available to discuss regulatory policies and requirements.

Who should attend: Fair board members, show superintendents, Extension staff, FFA/Agri-Science teachers, veterinarians, and any other interested individuals.

The dates and locations for these workshops are as follows:

January 23, 2008	Escanaba – Delta County Extension Office
January 24, 2008	Gaylord – Holiday Inn
January 30, 2008	Lawrence – Van Buren Careers Center
January 31, 2008	Grand Rapids – Kent

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Two great workshops
in one fun weekend!



4-H Plant Science and Entomology (#512) and Environmental and Outdoor Education (#513)

February 29 to March 2, 2008

Kettunen Center, Tustin, Michigan



Two Workshops in One!

These workshops are running on the same schedule. Participants from each one will be able to sign up for sessions offered by the other workshop. You must select one workshop (#512 or #513) when you register.

Why Attend:

- Gain fun, hands-on projects and activities for use in your club or county programming!
- Update your knowledge and skills.
- Share ideas with others from around the state.
- Leave with many resources you can use back home.



Sessions:

- Pick from a variety of exciting topics offered in seven different break-out session time blocks. You'll sign up for your specific session assignments upon arrival to the workshop (first-come, first-served).
- Many sessions will include outdoor activities so be sure to bring a jacket, hat, gloves, and boots! Some sessions may also have a nominal supplies fee payable on site.
- Contact your county MSU Extension office 4-H staff for session descriptions and full agenda. (Over for session titles.)

Who:

Open to adults and youth ages 13 and up (by January 1, 2008).

Registration:

Participants must register with their county MSU Extension office by February 15, 2008.

Cost:

\$58 per person for 4-H adult volunteers, teen leaders, and MSU Extension staff who bring a volunteer leader to the workshop. Fee includes meals Friday dinner through Sunday lunch, two nights shared lodging, and \$10 resource fee.

Scholarship Opportunity for #513:

25 full attendance scholarships are available to those who attend the Ecosystems and Biodiversity expanded session and will use it back home. Please let your county staff know if you are interested!

Workshop Schedule:

Begins Friday, February 29, 2008 at 4-5 p.m. with check-in. Ends Sunday, March 2, 2008 with lunch.

Fundraising Auction:

Please bring an item to donate or extra spending money for bidding to help support the auction! (Be ready to place a value on any item you bring.)

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County Extension Office
February 5, 2008 Frankenmuth – Fisher Theatre Museum
February 6, 2008 Saline – Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
February 7, 2008 East Lansing – MSU Pavilion Classroom C/D

All of the programs will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. There is no charge for the workshops. However, **reservations are requested**. Make your reservations at the Chippewa County MSU Extension, 300 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or call (906) 635-6368. You may also contact Kenneth Geuns, MSU Dept. of Animal Science, 1287 Anthony Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824. Phone: 517/353-2924 or e-mail to geuns@msu.edu.

Exploration Days Round-Up

Hey Ya'll, interested in attending the 2008 4-H Exploration Days held at Michigan State University? Want to learn more about the exciting times and sessions to be had? Come with questions to our round table discussion lead by former Exploration Days participants.

Who: all youth 11-19 (as of 1/1/08), parents
& any 4-H Volunteers interested in being a chaperone

What: Expo Days Round-Up

Where: Bruce Township Hall

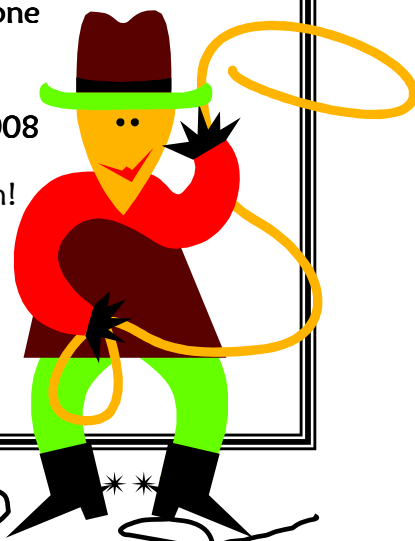
When: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Thursday, February 21, 2008

We'll have pizza and door prizes! So come on over and join the fun!

More information about Exploration Days @
<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/expodays.html>

Hope to see you there!

Please call the MSU Extension Office to register!
(906) 635-6368



4-H Ski Day

Sunday, January 27, 2008

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

at Apple Mountain

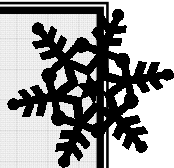
Ski & Snowboard Packages Available-
beginning at \$24 Each
includes Lift Ticket, Rental Pass plus a
Complimentary Beginner Lesson

Pizza & Pop Lunch Special (Optional) - \$4.00

Join other 4-H Groups for a fun day of
skiing at Apple Mountain

Register by phone; pay the day of the event

To register or for information, call Kathy Schofield at 888-781-6789,
Ext. 202.



Snowshoe Hare Race

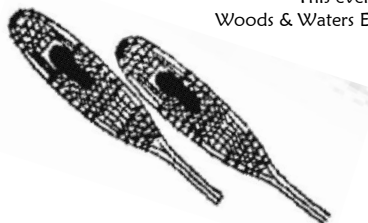
February 16th, 2008

Fitness * Fun * Nature

Join fellow 4-Hers in a friendly
snowshoeing race. We are putting
together a 4-H team. Join us!

Call the MSU Extension office
if you'd like to be part of our team.
If you don't have snowshoes, but want
to race, call & we'll try to find a pair.

This event is sponsored by
Woods & Waters Ecotours in Hessel.



Ending Notes:



Michigan State University State 4-H RABBIT & CAVY SHOW

Saturday, January 26, 2008
Michigan State University
MSU Pavilion

- For more information and event catalog contact your local MSU Extension office or visit the website at: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Rabbits>
- Open to all Michigan 4-H members 9-19 years of age (January 1, 2008)
Want to become a member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!



The Michigan 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs. Rabbit and Cavy breed classes ONLY. Judging by ARBA Standards (breed, fur, meat). No showmanship classes offered.

4-H Volunteers: Mark your calendars. The 2008 4-H Volunteer Training & Awards Banquet is scheduled for October 16, 2008.

Welcome new 4-H Volunteers

Volunteers are the **heart** of 4-H.

We are excited to add

Deanna Jones

Sandy Michalski

Jessica Helfrich



to our list of Chippewa County Volunteers!

Thanks to everyone for all you do!

4-H Members! We are always looking for additional youth & volunteers to join our 4-H family. Encourage your friends, neighbors, and family to join or start a club today.



Contact Information: Do we have your most contact information, address, email and phone number? Please update so we can keep you up-to-date!

Attention all livestock members:

In early March 2008, you will be receiving a letter from MSU Extension listing where you can buy your tri-county bred animals for the 2008 fair. It will also have specific guidelines as to the weights each animal should be by certain dates. Please watch for this letter, and use it as a guideline as you are planning your 2008 livestock projects.

Let us feature your club news and highlights!!

*Call or send your club news to:
Andrea Caron, 4-H Program Associate*



July 27 to August 2, 2008

Camp Chickagami
Presque Isle, Michigan

Go charter fishing! Hike through forests! Wade through wetlands! Explore dunes! These are just a few of the many exciting activities that teens at 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp can do.

Watch for more details in the spring newsletter or look at:

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/glnrc.html>



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